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Attached for filing with the Patent Office is a Request to Withdraw Final Status of Office Action.

We respectfully request that you call the undersigned attorney and advise on the disposition of this request. Thank you.

Also attached is a Response to the Final Office Action of December 18, 2002.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18,2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

A clean version of the claims is as follows:

6. A magnetizer for magnetizing a circular magnet with a null zone intermediate alternating poles comprising a circular insulating core supporting pairs of closely spaced axially directed wires, each pair of wires adapted to carry current in the same axial direction, and a back iron having no current carrying wires therein radially spaced from said circular core by a sufficient radial gap to allow said circular magnet to Serial No.: 09/631,438